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An automatic analysis of blood or of its constituents in a test tube is based on a attaching to the latter an electronic code carrier in which the data for the patient and for the sample are stored. The set is inserted in an analyzer which supplies a complete print-out for the data for patient and analysis.

A test tube (2) made of transparent plastic material, has a stopper (1) at one end and encloses a separating element (6) which is driven by centrifugal force towards the bottom (18). A plastic cap (30) is attached by a snap fit (42,44) to the bottom; it contains an electronic code carrier (3), made of polycarbonate, with data for the patient stored in the memory of an integrated circuit. The analyzer is controlled by the controlled by the stored data to process the sample and can furnish a print-out or the read of the personal computer can be used to display all the data on a screen.